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SUBJ: DANISH ATTENDANCE AT OTTAWA MINISTERIAL

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1. MFA PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY EIGEL JORGENSEN
CONFIRMED TO DCM MAY 14 THAT FONMIN GULDBERG WOULD
ACCOMPANY QUEEN MARGRETHE ON HER TRIP TO GERMANY NEXT
MONTH AND WOULD THEREFORE NOT BE ABLE TO BE PRESENT AT
NATO MINISTERIAL IN OTTAWA. HE SAID THAT DENMARK WOULD
BE REPRESENTED BY DEFENSE MINISTER ERLIGN BRONDUM. DCM
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COMMENTED THAT WHILE WE KNOW BRONDUM AS AN ATTRACTIVE
YOUNG MINISTER HE HAS NOT, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, HAD ANY

EXPERIENCE IN FIELD OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. JORGENSEN SAID THIS WAS UNFORTUNATELY THE CASE AND INDICATED THAT HE HIMSELF HAD STRONGLY WANTED GULDBERG TO BE PRESENT IN OTTAWA. HE ADDED, SOMEWHAT RUEFULLY, THAT CONSTITUTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS HAD WON OUT AND IT HAD BEEN DECIDED THAT GULDBERG MUST BE WITH THE SOVEREIGN ON HER VISITS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

2. COMMENT: BRONDUM MAKES A GOOD IMPRESSION ON PEOPLE HE MEETS BUT HE HAS BEEN A MINISTER LESS THAN FIVE MONTHS AND, GIVEN THE DEFENSE SITUATION IN DENMARK, IS NOT AT THIS TIME CONSIDERED A POLITICAL HEAVYWEIGHT. WITH GULDBERG AWAY, JORGENSEN WILL HIMSELF BE REQUIRED HERE TO "MIND THE STORE" SO THAT BRONDUM IN ALL LIKELIHOOD WILL BE HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON THE SUPPORT OF DANISH PERMREP SVART. ALL THIS PRESUPPOSES THAT BRONDUM WILL STILL BE IN OFFICE IN MID-JUNE, NOT THE BEST OF BETS GIVEN THE SHAKY SITUATION OF THE HARTLING GOVT.
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